GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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UTILISATION OF WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of water resources utilised in Bihar, till- date;

(b) the schemes formulated by the Government to increase water resources in the State;

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on each scheme; and

(d) the percentage of cultivable land likely to be irrigated as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Water Resources is assessed according to river- basins/sub-basins as units. However, out of the Ultimate Irrigation Potential of 13.35 million hectare in the erstwhile undivided Bihar (including Jharkhand), irrigation potential of

8.18 million hectare (61%) has been created by the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(b) There are 8 major and 7 medium irrigation projects going on at present in the State of Bihar (excluding Jharkhand). In addition, 4 new proposals for major irrigation projects have been submitted by the Government of Bihar to Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal.

(c) & (d) The estimated cost and irrigation benefit of each of the proposed new projects are as under:

S. NO.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost (Rs. crore)	Irrigation Benefit (Thousand hectare)
1.	Tilaiya Dhadhar	220.11	38.99
2.	Kadwan Reservoir Project	1111.14	221.27
3.	Punpun Barrage	102.26	13.90
4.	Upper Mahananda Irrigation Scheme	124.0	26.80